GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION CHARGES ON RETURN TICKETS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have increased reservation charges on purchase of return tickets;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated additional income to be earned by the Railways as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Railways propose to withdraw such increase in reservation charges and restore the old system;

(e) if not, whether such an increase in reservation charges is not an indirect increase in the railway fare; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): From 1.4.2006, the Reservation Fee for tickets booked for journeys originating from other than the ticket booking station have been increased. The increase is

(i) Rs. 10/- in second and sleeper class and Rs. 15/- in other classes of Passenger, Mail and Express trains,

(ii) Rs. 20/- in all classes of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains and

(iii) Rs. 15/- in Second class and Rs. 20/- in AC Chair Car of Jan Shatabdi Express trains.

(c): The additional earnings of approximately Rs. 80 crores per year is expected from this increase.

(d) No, Sir. The basic fare has not been increased. This has been done to recover the additional expenditure involved in maintenance and continuous upgradation of a networked system.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) There is no proposal to revert the increase.